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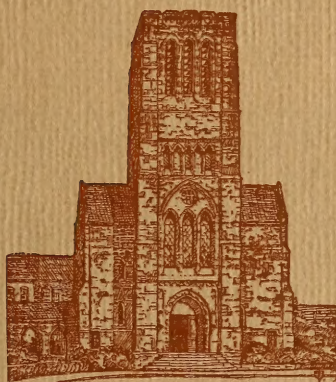
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## Foreword

In the long and glorious history of Trinity Church, many persons have made significant contributions. The names of many of these have been noted in the "Centennial History of Trinity Church", published in 1961.

While history itself can alone meaningfully judge the contributions of a particular era or person, discerning persons can measure greatness in its own time.

Thus it is that "tiny ripples may become surging currents" which lead to great change. Programs and grandiose plans of men may also "fizzle out."

It is a difficult process to record events and the role played by persons or a congregation during a particular era. The decade of the 1960's has been one of the most turbulent in the history of the nation if not all recorded history. Massive changes in social, political and religious life have brought nations and mankind on the brink of shock.

Trinity Church has not been aloof nor untouched by these changes. The downtown, old "mother churches" have lost much of their prominence and prestige. This does not mean, however, that these "center city" churches have lost their mission or their reason for being!

This updating of the "Centennial History" by Dr. Ben Childs brings us face-to-face with the facts of the past eleven years. The nature, change and complexity of life is drastically different from that of 1960. I trust you will find these pages interesting, inspiring and challenging.

Dr. Childs has been and is one of the truly vital and influential laymen of the Trinity congregation for almost fifty years. His significant contributions have not been properly recorded because he has been the "scribe" to record and report Trinity's past. Ministers and laymen alike acknowledge the influence and depth of his Christian life.

We also acknowledge our thanks to members of the Methodist Men and First Tuesday Club, who made the publication of this historical addition possible.

—William K. Quick

## 1961-1962

The record of Trinity Church from the Centennial to the present date is not without interest nor significance. For the first year of this decade, Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr. continued in the second year of his ministry here. The official report of the pastor shows that the church year of 1961-1962 began with approximately 1460 members. This number does not include 117 preparatory members, who were, for the most part, not yet confirmed into full membership. The trustees of the church, through the president, R. H. Powell, Jr., reported the estimated value of all the church property as approximately \$837,500.

During the church year, Trinity lost by death one of its most devoted and dedicated members, Mrs. Pattie C. Baldwin. For years Mrs. Baldwin had loved and labored for her church as church secretary and visitor, and church school teacher, as well as in other capacities. A Sunday School Class, composed of women, was later organized as a tribute to her life and work and given the name of the Pattie Baldwin Class.

In October, 1961, Professor W. W. Rankin died. He had been identified with Trinity Church for more than 30 years. He had served faithfully as Chairman of the Official Board, as a church school teacher, and in other places of significance to the congregation. During his lifetime, Dr. Rankin had devoted himself to the planting of trees and shrubbery on the church grounds, and this practice was continued after his death by the planting of more shrubbery as a Rankin Memorial. It has been written of Dr. Rankin that he was "one of those men, who through ennobling unselfishness create memorials to themselves—memorials that cannot be swept away by wind or tide, but they are forever treasured in the recollection of those who remain."

Throughout the church year of 1960-61, Bascom Baynes had given loyally of himself as Chairman of the Official Board. His successor for 1961-62 was Dr. H. J. Herring; Baxter Ridenhour continued as church school superintendent; and Mrs. A. M. Bynum, Jr. was president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## 1962-1963

Records for the church year of 1962-63 show some interesting developments. Official reports indicate that the number of Trinity's members dropped from 1456 in 1961-62 to 1338 in 1962-63, a decrease of nearly 120 mem-



bers. There was a considerable loss due to death and transfer to other churches. In addition, the last quarterly conference of the year authorized the removal of a large number of names of persons who had moved from Durham or had been "lost sight of" in some other manner.

During the year decision was reached to install wall-to-wall carpeting in the sanctuary. The carpet has added considerably to the comfort and attractiveness of the church. Other capital improvements were made by painting and renovating, as well as by increasing the efficiency of facilities in the educational building. The budget for the year was placed at approximately \$84,000.

One of the most significant matters brought to the attention of the congregation in this conference year was the College Crusade of the North Carolina Conference. In October of 1962, a Crusade Fund Drive Committee was appointed with O. Z. Wrenn as chairman; the committee was to undertake to secure pledges of \$30,000 to cover Trinity's quota. The drive yielded only approximately \$17,500 of the desired amount, so it was decided to include \$1,000 for the College Fund in the church budget each year until the entire balance of \$12,500 could be raised. It may be noted here that later in this historical sketch it will appear that the total of Trinity's quota was secured by 1970, several years ahead of time.

Our congregation was deeply saddened by the sudden death of H. C. Kennett, Chairman of the Official Board, on November 1, 1962. Trinity Church has not known a more sincere Christian nor a more dedicated leader than Connor Kennett; we shall not often enough see his like again. He was succeeded in the chairmanship for the remainder of the church year by Frank M. Barnhart. Baxter Ridenhour continued as church school superintendent, and Mrs. O. Kelly Ingram served as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

### 1963-1964

The opening of the conference year of 1963-64 saw Trinity Church begin with Eugene W. Carlton as Chairman of the Official Board, Paul Williamson as superintendent of the church school, and Mrs. O. Kelly Ingram as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. During the early months of this year, several very timely projects were undertaken for the improvement of the church property.

In one of these projects, the Methodist Men of the church undertook the promotion of a program of renovating and

decorating the pastor's study. This effort served to meet a need that had been apparent for some time.

The church budget for 1963-64 stood at approximately \$85,000. The final report of the pastor shows that a total of \$94,000 was raised by the congregation, including substantial amounts contributed by the church school and by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## 1964-1965

During the conference year of 1964-65, the Trinity congregation witnessed a considerable number of physical improvements made by the Property Committee under the direction of Guy Bennett as chairman. These included furnace repairs, painting, work on the church lawn, and improvements made in the Church Parlor, among other things.

It may be noted that Mrs. W. M. Glenn, who had made significant donations to Trinity in former years, had re-furnished and re-decorated the auxiliary kitchen to the Parlor, as well as providing improvements to the Susannah Wesley classroom. The members of the church are grateful to Mrs. Glenn for these and all other tokens of her love and loyalty.

At one of the early meetings of the year, it was announced that a gift of \$2,500 had been bequeathed to Trinity Church in the will of the late William Whitfield Sledge. Appropriate acknowledgment of this generous bequest was made by the Official Board.

In November of 1964, Trinity Church suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Dr. Edgar Lafayette Hillman. Dr. Hillman became pastor of the church in 1933, during the most trying years of the Great Depression. His inspiring leadership challenged the faith and commitment of the congregation to the Diamond Jubilee Celebration and through the following years, which marked the beginning of the removal of the staggering indebtedness which had hindered Trinity's progress through many years.

Following his retirement from the active ministry in 1959, Dr. Hillman and his dedicated wife became identified with our church, and all the years of this noble man's life have been noted as landmarks in our history.

For the church year of 1964-65, J. Harvey Bryan was Chairman of the Official Board, Paul R. Williamson remained as church school superintendent, and Mrs. H. D. Cleaver, Jr. was president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

## 1965-1966

The year of 1965-66 stands at the midpoint of the decade for which this brief sketch has been written. Many of the happenings of the year will be held in lasting remembrance by Trinity members. Records show that Aubrey B. King was Chairman of the Official Board, Edward R. Snuggs was superintendent of the church school, and Mrs. H. D. Cleaver, Jr., was president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The church budget of the year amounted to approximately \$87,500 and included \$6,550 for capital improvements. In September, 1955, the Board reported that the total assets of the Trinity Church Endowment Trust amounted to \$10,492.66 as of June 30, 1965.

In January, 1966, the congregation was saddened by the news of the death of Miss Blanche A. Briggs. Miss Briggs was born in Durham and attended Greensboro Female College, from which she graduated with distinction. In her church and community, she was particularly devoted to the youth of her generation. For years she taught a group of teen-age boys, some of whom became leaders in the growth and development of Durham. Although modest and unassuming throughout her long life of 95 years, she so lived that "generations unborn will rise up and call her blessed."

Within the year, the Official Board voted a trip to the Holy Land for Mr. and Mrs. Howard. This gift was made as a token of deep appreciation on the part of the congregation for our pastor's six years of devoted and dedicated leadership.

In the latter part of this church year, the Trinity congregation lost from its Christian fellowship another of its cherished members in the death of Mrs. Lucille Swaringen Rogers, wife of Mr. Ralph P. Rogers, Sr. Mrs. Rogers, through all the years of her church life at Trinity, was known to all as a devoted member and beloved friend. Wherever she went, she radiated happiness and joy in living.

From time to time, Mrs. Rogers served the church with deep interest and faithful loyalty on the Official Board, in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and in the Francis Asbury Class. Her beautiful life will ever serve as a noble inspiration, and she will be carried in memory as one whose devout, Christian example places her name high among Christ's followers and among those who have loved their fellowmen and God supremely. Trinity Church is far richer that Mrs. Lucille Rogers has lived in our midst.



It is fitting to recall here that appropriate memorials to Mrs. Rogers' devotion to the good and the beautiful are to be found in the Trinity sanctuary. In her will there was left a bequest of \$2,500 to the church. In 1968, when the sanctuary organ was rebuilt, this amount was devoted to the installation of the French Trumpet of the Antiphonal Organ. In this manner, the tones of the Trinity organ can be joined with praise of the choir invisible. It needs to be recorded, also, that a pair of handsome candelabra has been given by Sally Lou and Patsy Elizabeth Millar, Mrs. Rogers' granddaughters, as a memorial to their grandmother.

One of the most significant highlights of 1965-66, if not of the entire decade, was the development of a beautiful little garden in the open court between the sanctuary and the educational building and dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. J. A. Buchanan, a long-time, devoted member of Trinity Church. In October, 1965, the Official Board agreed that the garden be developed through private donations, and the work was done immediately.

Mattie Toms Buchanan was a daughter of the late Mr. C. W. Toms, sometime superintendent of the Durham City Schools and later head of the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company here. She was deeply interested in the welfare of Trinity Church as long as she lived. She served faithfully and capably as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, as well as in other capacities. All five of her daughters have followed her example in their interest and love for the church. One daughter, Mrs. J. Randolph Coupland, III (Susan) continues to serve Trinity with distinctive loyalty and faithfulness.

The Memorial Garden, truly a thing of beauty and a joy forever, is carpeted with grass and filled, around its borders, with dogwood, magnolias, birch, azaleas, and rhododendron. All these attest to the modesty and gentleness so characteristic of the one whose memory will always be treasured by all the members of Trinity Church.

It has been discovered that the Garden is not only beautiful to behold, but that it serves other valuable ends as well. On Sunday mornings, just prior to worship services in the sanctuary, members of the congregaton—young and old alike—gather for a quarter-hour of Christian fellowship in the Garden, with refreshments being served. This makes for greater unity and harmony in the Trinity Church family.

In 1970, several years after the completion of the Garden, it became the scene of an out-door wedding, when it was to serve as the sanctuary for the final part of the wed-

ding service for Miss Brenda Hopkins and Dr. Jay Jarmakani on June 20. The wedding began in the sanctuary with some 250 guests present, and the Rev. W. K. Quick, officiating. Just as the bride's father, Mr. G. C. Hopkins, Jr., was giving the bride away, billows of smoke were noticed pouring into the nave. The minister dismissed the congregation to the Memorial Garden, for the remainder of the ceremony, thus fulfilling the bride's original wish.

When one has finished enjoying the charm of flower and shrub, he finds he cannot leave without observing the inspiring little statuette of St. Francis and the Birds. St. Francis devoutly loved God and all His little ones; so did Mattie Toms Buchanan.

Truly her life was a living prayer, not unlike the words of that saint of old: "it is in giving that we receive . . . it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

## 1966-1967

The church year of 1966-67 began with Floyd E. Patton as Chairman of the Official Board, Edwin R. Snuggs as superintendent of the church school, and Mrs. R. L. Roycroft, Jr., as President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. An annual budget of approximately \$92,000 was adopted by the Board. Report was made that a large number of physical improvements to the sanctuary, the educational building and the church grounds had been made.

In September, 1966, Trinity Church suffered irreparable loss in the death of Dr. Herbert J. Herring. Dr. Herring had been a loyal and devoted member of the Trinity congregation for more than forty years. During this long period of time, he had served the church most capably in a number of significant capacities. He was several times chosen to a place on the Official Board and was Chairman of that body for 1961-62. He was also a teacher of the Julian S. Carr Bible Class for quite a long time.

Dean Herring was modest and unassuming. His life was characterized by kindness, friendliness, and an abiding sense of justice and integrity. His memory will live on in the minds and hearts of Trinity people.

Early in the year, property on the corner of Liberty and Cleveland Streets was sold to the Durham Redevelopment Commission for \$38,100. Attention was called to the fact that the parsonage on Monmouth Avenue had proven inadequate and undesirable; steps were taken toward procuring a more desirable pastor's residence.

It was also reported that the sanctuary organ was no longer in satisfactory condition, and plans were laid toward relieving this situation. Upon recommendation of the Committee on Worship, it was decided to procure about 600 copies of the new Methodist Hymnal.

In early 1967, Mr. R. H. Powell, Jr. reported that the church trustees had purchased a lot on Arrington Street for \$7,300, as the possible site for a new parsonage. In later months a home on West Knox Street was purchased, and the Arrington Street property was not used.

Note was taken of the death of several members who had been faithful and active in official circles of Trinity Church. Among these were Mr. Hubert O. Teer, Mr. William L. Perry, Mr. Jesse Bishop and Dr. John Gergen. All four of these men gave freely and faithfully of their talent, time and treasure to the on-going program of the church; their lives will be held in affectionate memory through the coming years.

No record of our church for 1966-1967 would be complete unless attention were called to the resignation, in 1967, of Mrs. Jean Cunningham as church organist. Mrs. Cunningham had presided at Trinity's chancel organ for almost half a century—from 1922 to 1967. In fair weather and foul, she served faithfully and capably, her leadership providing inspiration to choir and congregation alike. She will be held in high esteem for generations to come.

## 1967-1968

The Conference Year of 1967-68 opened with Charles W. White as Chairman of the Official Board, Edwin R. Snuggs as superintendent of the church school, and Mrs. R. L. Roycroft, Jr., as President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. By official action, the budget for the year was set at a little more than \$97,000, with some \$22,000 appropriated for conference and general benevolences, and another \$10,000 for capital improvements.

Considerable attention throughout the year centered around the disposal of the Monmouth Avenue parsonage and the purchase of a new one at 1108 W. Knox Street. According to the trustees' report of February, 1968, the old parsonage was sold for \$18,712.50. Amounts received from the sale of the Cleveland Street and Monmouth Avenue properties, together with other amounts from accrued interest and dividends, provided a substantial sum.

With these funds, the church officers were able to pay off the indebtedness on the Arrington Street property and



to purchase the new parsonage. The cost of the latter was \$38,411.93, plus approximately \$8,500 for renovation and for taxes.

The new home for minister and family is well located at 1108 West Knox Street. The property is approximately 150 by 150 feet, facing south. The house is about 26 years old, is air-conditioned, and has been pronounced "in good condition". It contains a living room, a formal dining room, a den, kitchen and bath on the first floor. On the second floor there are three bedrooms and two baths.

During this church year, the Trinity congregation noted with deep regret the passing of two of its most loyal and devoted members, Mr. Cecil E. Cooke and Mr. S. O. Gantt. Both of these men had rendered distinctive service to the church they loved for many, many years.

Mr. Cooke died in July, 1967, and in his death Trinity sustained immeasurable loss. He served the church for years as a faithful member of the Official Board and as superintendent of the church school. In the latter capacity he gave freely and creditably of himself for nearly twenty years, a record rarely equaled in the history of Trinity Church.

Cecil Cooke served not only his church but his community as well. He placed Durham deep in its debt for his long years as an educator—as teacher, assistant principal and principal. For fourteen years he occupied a place of leadership, first at Carr Junior High School and later at Durham High School.

In all of his private life and public career, Mr. Cooke was a man of high principle and strong Christian character. All Durham will be far richer for his having lived his years among us.

Mr. S. O. Gantt also died in July, 1967. For more than forty years he could be counted as wholly dedicated, in spirit and service, to the church he loved so well. Mr. Gantt supervised the construction of our present church structure from 1924. He was later chairman of the maintenance committee and in this capacity gave of his time and talent without charge or financial compensation. His was a place in Trinity Church which will be difficult to fill during the years to come.

A significant trust was established at Trinity in late December, 1967 by C. Knox Massey and children, Kay Massey Weatherspoon and C. Knox Massey, Jr. to be known as the "Louise S. Massey Fund."

Established "in loving acknowledgement of the Christian influence of Louise S. Massey upon us in our home . . . and to honor her while she lives and to enrich for future

generations the total program of Trinity Methodist Church." The perpetual trust is "to provide an income to enrich the program of Trinity" with major proceeds to be used "for the enrichment of the total musical program of the Church . . . developing and increasing the effectiveness of the youth activities . . . and church activities, purposes or projects selected by the Massey Trust Committee."

The initial gift of \$10,000 is being added to annually. Other Trinity members shall probably see this as a challenge to "put God's will in your will." Truly a man says in life, as well as in death, what he really believes in. The establishment of an endowed fund to assist in program and activities is a much needed dimension in Trinity's future.

## 1968-1969

The church year 1968-69 is recorded as the ninth and last year of Dr. W. M. Howard's ministry as pastor of Trinity Church. Beginning with 1960-61 and ending with 1968-69, he had served the Mother of Durham Methodism with outstanding distinction. For these nine years, Dr. Howard had given himself unreservedly to the congregation and community; this represents the longest period of time any minister had led the Trinity flock as its spiritual leader. On account of his many noble contributions to the service of God and his fellowman, Dr. Howard had been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by High Point College. He was also selected to represent the North Carolina Conference as clerical delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the Church in 1968.

A number of significant developments occurred during this final year of Dr. Howard's ministry. As a result of efforts on the part of the Commission on Worship, the installation of paraments for the sanctuary was completed. Announcement was made by the Commission as to the meaning of various lectern hangings and related items as well as the donors and persons honored in the donations.

A white altar cover and lectern hanging were given in memory of Mrs. Eva Gantt Haley and Russell Gantt Haley by the family, and white stoles for ministers were given by the family in memory of Mr. S. O. Gantt. Red paraments were given in memory of Mr. Junius P. Moore and his wife, Mrs. Jennie D. Moore.

The green altar cloth and lectern hanging were given in memory of Mrs. Josephine H. Taylor by her family. Green stoles in memory of Mrs. Blanche Hobgood Baldwin were given by Mr. and Mrs. Fenton A. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hobgood, Jr. and Mrs. Cecil S. Cooke.

The purple altar cover and lectern hanging were given by Mrs. Rebecca Weathers Dukes and Mrs. Leon M. Hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Bryan. Purple stoles in memory of Mrs. Blanche Hobgood Baldwin were given by Mr. and Mrs. Fenton A. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hobgood, Jr., and Mrs. Cecil E. Cooke.

It is likely worth remembering that the paraments of different colors are to be used at different seasons of the church year. Purple is used at Advent and Lent; green at Epiphany and Kingdome tide; white at Christmastide and Eastertide; and red at Pentecost.

During the year an Altar Guild was organized and installed for the purpose of providing a more desirable worship setting in the sanctuary. The Guild is considered to be responsible for seeing that appropriate paraments are properly placed, that altar candles are readied for the acolytes, and that assistance be rendered in Holy Communion services.

One of the most important undertakings of the year 1968-1969 was the completion of the renovation of the sanctuary organ. This magnificent instrument, given to Trinity Church nearly fifty years ago by Mrs. Julian S. Carr, Jr., as a memorial to her husband, for several years had been known to be in an undesirable condition.

In the early autumn of 1967, a representative of the Chapel Organ Company had estimated that approximately \$27,000 would be required to restore the organ to its normal usefulness. The Commission on Stewardship and Finance recommended that proper steps for renovation be taken, and their action was approved by the Official Board.

During the months required for the work, funds were secured from several sources to pay for the needed renovation. An amount of \$15,000 was secured from the sale of the old parsonage property located on Moumouth Ave. From each of the estates of Mrs. Lucile S. Rogers and Mrs. P. C. Milner, amounts of \$2,500 were derived, and from the estate of Mr. William Speed another \$1,000 was added. In addition to these amounts, the Official Board authorized the transfer of \$5,000, and a direct appropriation of \$2,000 was made by the Board. With these transactions completed and the renovation finished, the organ, now worth an estimated \$75,000, was pronounced ready for use in November, 1968.

The year was also marked by several significant changes. At the August meeting of the Official Board, it was announced that Dr. William R. Cannon, of Emory University, had been elevated to the episcopacy and as-



signed to the Raleigh Area to succeed Bishop Paul Neff Garber, who had retired and moved to Geneva, Switzerland to live.

Bishop Cannon, a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee had received his education at Emory and holds degrees from the University of Georgia as well as Temple and Yale Universities. For fifteen years he was dean of the Candler School of Theology at Emory. Trinity Church joins the other churches of the North Carolina Conference in bidding Bishop Cannon hearty welcome and feels assured that under his leadership we shall witness a marked advance in the affairs of God's kingdom. Trinity was gratified to learn that, at the 1968 North Carolina Annual Conference, Dr. Chancie D. Barclift was again appointed to the superintendency of the Durham District. Dr. Barclift served with distinction as Trinity's pastor, 1952-56, and was formerly district superintendent of the Durham District, 1956-62. With the completion of the current term, he will have been identified with Trinity Church for a total of sixteen years. This appears to be the longest period of time any minister has ever been identified with Trinity Church in an official capacity. Mrs. Barclift has been a faithful Trinity member during all the years Dr. Barclift has been in residence here. Both are warmly welcomed as they return to our church family.

For this church year, the Chairman of the Official Board was C. Knox Massey, the superintendent of the church school was Clyde P. Richman, and the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was Mrs. W. B. McDonald.

## 1969-1970

The church year of 1968-1969 witnessed a most significant change in the meaning and mission of American Methodism. The General Conference of 1968 formed the United Methodist Church by merging The Methodist Church and the Church of the Evangelical United Brethren. This new body would contain approximately eleven million members.

It was not until the beginning of the 1969-1970 year that the impact upon the structure and functions of a local church was realized at Trinity Church; so it is in this part of the Trinity story that attention is called to "the new era". It may prove of interest and worth to take note of some of the many changes in policy and practice.

At Trinity, the local church body of control becomes the Administrative Board in place of the Official Board.

Stewards become known as Board **members at large**. The Board of Trustees remains the same, but the presiding officer is known as **chairman** instead of president. The groups formerly called commissions are now named Work Areas. These Work Areas cover a wide field of interests: Ecumenical Affairs, Education, Evangelism, Missions, Social Concerns, Stewardship, and Worship. It may be noted incidentally that the title for the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been changed to the Women's Society of Christian Service. There are now Committees on Pastor-Parish Relations, Finances, Christian Vocations, Lay Personnel, Recreation, Fellowship and other pertinent fields.

An entirely new body within the framework of the leadership at Trinity Church is known as the **Council on Ministries**. Its membership includes the pastor and other church staff personnel, the chairman of the Administrative Board, the church lay leader, coordinators for various age groups, chairmen of the several work areas, the president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and others. It is the function of the Council to initiate and correlate program resources from agencies of Methodism at all levels and relate them to local planning.

Coincidental with the restructuring of the local church, has been a change in its pastoral leadership. At the 1969 Annual Conference, Bishop Cannon assigned Dr. William Howard to Cary and appointed Rev. William Kellon Quick as his successor. Mr. Quick was born in Marlboro County, S. C., received his early college education at Pfeiffer College, and holds the A.B. Degree from Randolph-Macon College and the B.D. degree from the Duke University Divinity School. Following early pastorates in Carteret County and several rural areas near Durham, he spent four years at Zebulon and then six years as minister of St. James United Methodist Church in Greenville. Mr. Quick's ministry at St. James has been characterized as a signal success; during his six years there the congregation grew from about 450 to nearly 1200 in number. He led the Greenville Church through its major building phase—a \$400,000 project.

Married to the former Barbara Elizabeth Campbell of Bluefield, West Virginia, the Quicks have three sons and a daughter: Stephen Kellon, Kathryn Elizabeth, David Christopher and Paul Sanders. Trinity, accustomed to older ministers, received with great anticipation the young Quick family. The new minister is the youngest, 36, since R. S. Beamon, who was 32 when appointed to Trinity in 1892.

Our minister is a trustee of Methodist College and former trustee of Louisburg College and the Methodist Home for Children. He is archivist of the North Carolina Conference Historical Society and is chairman of the national executive committee for the Bicentennial Celebration in honor of Bishop Francis Asbury, to be held at Lake Junaluska September, 1971.

During 1969-70 the Administrative Board, after extensive study and careful planning, decided that some capital improvements in Trinity's sanctuary and educational building were extremely necessary. A plan was approved to launch a "Forward Together Crusade" to raise approximately \$193,000 for Capital Funds; the Crusade would also undertake to raise \$107,000 for the 1970-71 budget. The drive, extending from April 3 to April 21, was under the direction of Dr. D. George Davies, of the General Board of Missions, and a Crusade Executive Committee. This committee consisted of the following: Campaign Chairman, E. S. Swindell, Jr.; Crusade Chairman, Floyd E. Patton; E.M.V. Chairman, Clinton Rogers; Spiritual Life Chairman, Dr. Thor Hall; Advance Gifts Chairmen, Knox Massey and Wyche Horton; Food and Fellowship Chairman, R. L. Roycroft, Jr.; Publicity Chairman, Archie Davis. Crusade secretaries were Mrs. J. C. Holloway and Mrs. Peggy Ray, and Ex-Officio members were Ralph P. Rogers, Jr., Dr. Ben McCutcheon, Charles White, Rev. William K. Quick and DeWitt Rogers.

Church leaders for the year were: Dr. W. B. McCutcheon, Jr., Chairman of the Administrative Board, Clyde P. Richman, superintendent of the church school, and Mrs. W. B. McDonald, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service.

## 1970-1971

The Trinity Church story for 1970-71 is largely a sequel to that for 1969-70. With the "Forward Together Crusade" successfully completed and the goal for Capital Funds practically reached, the way was opened for implementation in refurbishing and renovating the sanctuary and educational building. A Building Committee was formed, with George W. Newton as chairman, and work was begun as of September, 1970. The first stage, now known as Phase I, was to include work on the Carr Room area and the exterior of the sanctuary.

In general, the floor, walls and ceiling of the Carr Fellowship Hall, as it is now officially called, were thoroughly modernized. The heating, plumbing and electrical facili-



ties were vastly improved. Work on the roof and other necessary repairs were made to the sanctuary. The kitchen was updated and an adjacent rest room provided. New stage lighting and curtains were installed.

The total cost of Phase I has been estimated at approximately \$54,600. This amount includes an expenditure of \$1,900 for 150 new chairs and another expenditure for a new electric organ for the Carr Fellowship Hall. The organ cost approximately \$3,700, of which \$2,000 was donated by members of the Julian S. Carr Bible Class. The Hall has been in use since February, 1971, and is dedicated to worship and learning, to Christian fellowship and wholesome recreation, as well as other worthwhile purposes.

Phase II of the renovation program began in April, 1971, and devotes itself chiefly to work in the basement, first, second and third floors of the education building. In addition, improvements are contemplated in the exterior of the building. These include a new entrance at the Holloway street basement level, a new roof over the first floor Holloway street entrance, and a ramp for wheelchairs at the rear entrance adjacent to the Choir Room on Holloway Street. It is expected that this work will be completed by December, 1971, and that the cost will be approximately \$116,750 with an additional allowance of \$15,000 for anticipated furnishings.

It is noteworthy to observe that several changes of classrooms and other facilities will be made in the educational building. Among other things, a number of classes in the elementary division of the church school will be removed to other parts of the building.

Larger administrative office space will be provided. The Bryan Memorial Library, erected in memory of Mr. William Bryan, who was for many years our church school superintendent, will be given better quarters. It is to be strongly hoped that the Library, in its new setting, will be more widely used than in the past.

One of the most highly valued improvements on the building's first floor will be the installation of a beautiful Memorial Chapel. The Chapel, impressively fitted with stained glass windows, chancel furnishings and organ, among other facilities, will provide Trinity with a most appropriate place for a number of small gatherings. It is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bickett Idol in memory of Mrs. Idol's father, Mr. R. T. Amos, of High Point.

During 1970-71, our people have been engaged, not only in building, but in a number of other significant enterprises. Under the ever-inspiring leadership of its dynamic

and devoted leader, the Reverend William K. Quick, Durham's Mother Church in Methodism has made great strides forward. Outstanding progress has been achieved in ecumenical affairs, education, evangelism, missions, stewardship, social concerns, worship and other areas.

Thorough consideration has been given to the question of church union. A Center City Ministry has been established, with United Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, A.M.E. Zion and Judea-Reform Congregations cooperating. On Sundays and weekdays at Trinity there have been classes in religion, and the year has been noted for activities in Christian Adventure Week for Youth, extended study sessions and family night workshops.

In the spring of 1971, there were held two meaningful Ventures in Evangelism. One preaching mission, "A Mission to the City", led by the Rev. Peter John Marshall, was observed. Another preaching mission, "A Mission to Trinity", followed with the Rev. Alan A. Smith, a British Methodist pastor, as the mission preacher.

Underprivileged people, young and old, have not been forgotten. The challenge of supporting a missionary has been accepted, funds for the suffering in Peru have been raised, and support of the Edgemont Community Center is being continued.

The year's program at Trinity has attracted conference-wide attention. As one tangible result, Trinity was named the "Urban Church of the Year" for 1971 in the North Carolina Conference. This was the first Urban Church Award presented by the United Methodist Conference Board of Missions. An appropriate plaque in recognition was presented by Bishop William R. Cannon at the Annual Conference, and a copy is placed in this record for the year.

URBAN CHURCH OF THE YEAR  
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 Trinity United Methodist Church  
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 June 2, 1971

F. Owen Fitzgerald, Jr., Chairman Sub-Committee on Urban Work	Reginald Ponder, Chairman Church and Community Commission
Edward F. Smith, President Board of Missions	William R. Cannon, Bishop The Raleigh Area

The award was presented on the basis of Trinity's mission and outreach. The purpose of Trinity was set to be "a servant church" in a ministry beyond its membership, to the transient, the disadvantaged, the power structure of Durham and to prisoners. The program for the year included the spear-heading of a city-wide study of the Consultation on Church Union, a dual emphasis of Biblical and theological-cultural studies, the addition of a lay worker in children's ministry, and the paying in full of the 1962 College Crusade goal of \$30,000. In evangelism, two ventures—"A Mission to Trinity" and "A Mission to the City"—were held, and in missions the congregation increased the benevolence and mission budget by 10 per cent.

The Stewardship report showed that Trinity raised an all time high of \$190,746 during the year. These are among the highlights of the program considered by the Board of Missions which led to the award for Urban Church of the Year. In the area of Social Concerns, Trinity shared in the formation of the Center City Church Ministry, and through numerous projects initiated a number of social concerns.



Capital improvements included the renovation of the Carr Fellowship Hall and an addition to the parsonage of a new bedroom-bath with improved kitchen and laundry facilities.

Early in the 1970-71 Conference Year, Trinity received a significant gift from John A. Buchanan thereby creating the "Mattie Toms Buchanan Memorial Trust". The Trust will be utilized for the maintenance and improvement of the Buchanan Memorial Garden and will provide for special projects approved by the Trust Committee.

At the conclusion of the conference year, several Trinity leaders were elected to the 1972 quadrennial General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Dean Robert E. Cushman of the Duke Divinity School was chosen for General Conference set for Atlanta, and the minister, the Rev. William K. Quick, Dr. O. Kelly Ingram, Divinity School professor, and Mrs. E. L. Hillman, widow of a former Trinity pastor, were elected to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska.

In February, 1971, Trinity Church experienced a deep loss in the death of one of its noblest churchwomen, Mrs. Annie Hamlin Swindell, wife of Mr. E. S. Swindell, Sr. Mrs. Swindell was born in Durham, educated in its city schools and Trinity College, now Duke University.

For nearly fifty years, she devoted her remarkable talent for teaching to children and youth, both in community and church. Her professional career included a large number of duties and responsibilities: first, as science teacher, then as dean of girls in junior high schools, and finally as principal of the Holloway Street School until her retirement. She was also very active in the Retirement System of the state and as a leader among retired teachers.

In her inspiring contribution of precept and example, this noble woman has left to Trinity Church a legacy, rich beyond words. For generations to come, we shall be grateful to God for a beautiful life lived among us. Numerous memorial gifts were given by friends, among them the east window of the narthex—a gift of members of the Susannah Wesley Class and other friends. The window features "the Mother of Methodism", Susannah Wesley, from an original portrait, which now hangs in Didsbury College, Bristol.

The record for 1970-71 would be altogether incomplete unless a word of appreciation were written to acknowledge the loyal and sacrificial service of a number of men and women who taught in the church school during the decade.

Not all the names could be secured, but among those who were listed are the following:

Mrs. Charles White, Kindergarten; Miss Rebie Bryan, Kindergarten Secretary; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Whitfield, Nursery; Mrs. B. U. Rose, Nursery, Mrs. J. C. Rose, Nursery; Mrs. Frank Penny, Nursery; Mrs. Harold O'Briant, Nursery; E. S. Swindell, Jr., Pattie Baldwin Class; Dr. Ray Petry, Trinitarian Class; Rev. L. M. Hall, Julian S. Carr Class.

Staff leaders for 1970-71, the tenth year of the study were:

The Rev. William K. Quick, Minister  
 The Rev. Leon M. Hall, Associate Minister.  
 The Rev. Charles M. Smith, Associate Minister  
 The Rev. Robert E. Stillwell, Minister to Youth  
 Mrs. Ina Carpenter, Children's Ministry  
 Basil Kustodowicz, Center City Ministry  
 Robert Brown, Center City Ministry  
 Mrs. J. C. Holloway, Church Secretary  
 Mrs. Peggy Brown Ray, Pastor's Secretary  
 Mrs. H. A. Allred, Jr., Church Hostess  
 R. Glenn Starnes, Director of Music  
 Mrs. Charlotte F. Cartwright, Organist  
 Mrs. Celia B. Oatney, Housekeeper  
 Ernest R. Rogers, Night Custodian  
 Stephen Hoegner, Church Beadle  
 Baxter Ridenhour, Board Chairman  
 Thor Hall, Council Chairman  
 Aubrey B. King, Chairman, Board of Trustees  
 McMurry Richey, Church School Superintendent  
 E. S. Swindell, Jr., Church Lay Leader  
 Eugene W. Carlton, Church Treasurer  
 Mrs. W. B. McCutcheon, Jr., President, Women's Society of Christian Service  
 Archie Davis, President, United Methodist Men  
 Miss Mary Opal Shuford, President, Wesleyan Service Guild  
 Scott Ricketts, President, United Methodist Youth Fellowship

## 1971-1972

It was originally planned that this sketch should cover exactly a decade—June 1961 to May 1971. It has been determined, however, that it would prove wise to include 1971-72 in the study, even though this extends the time covered from ten years to eleven. The undertakings and program achievements of this eleventh year relate themselves too closely to those of previous years to be separated. Explanation is offered that when the term “decade” is used anywhere in the study, it may be understood that the history covers an “approximate” decade.

Just as it was stated earlier that the Trinity Story for 1970-71 was largely a “sequel to the story for the previous year,” it may be repeated that the record for 1971-72 was, in large measure, a completion of the program earlier begun. This final year of “the Crusade for Progress” saw several changes in the classroom arrangement in the Educational Building.

The Pastor’s new Study, adjacent to the Memorial Chapel, has been beautifully fitted with new furnishings, provided by Mrs. W. B. McCutcheon in memory of Dr. W. B. McCutcheon. The new Church Parlor has been enhanced with new furnishings and totally redecorated, the gift of Mrs. Cora Wright Chambers in memory of Col. S. C. Chambers and Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright Teer in memory of Mr. Hubert O. Teer. The Parlor will be a multi-purpose facility for small group meetings, fellowship hours, committee sessions and small receptions.

In addition to these memorials a number of new stained glass windows were projected and planned for during the 71-72 year. Mrs. S. O. Gantt will provide the two memorial windows on the sides of the downstairs alcove which houses the Trinity Historical Display, in memory of S. O. Gantt and Stough B. Gantt. Commitments for additional windows were received from Mrs. Grace Bishop Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooke, Mrs. Ina Burnett, and Mrs. Bess Raper. These will be installed during the 1972-73 church year.

Another significant Memorial by “a friend of Trinity” was contributed in late 1971. The “Cross and Flame” insignia of United Methodism, was installed and lighted at the Holloway Street ground-level entrance. The “Trinity United Methodist Church” name and a lighted Bulletin Board was also a part of the memorial gift which “honors our pastor, William K. Quick, Minister, during the period of Trinity’s Renewal”.



Program development changes came during the summer of 1971 when the Music Committee, acting under the prior recommendation in January, 1970 from the Administrative Board, moved to employ Trinity's first full-time organist-choirmaster. T. Woolard Harris of Henderson filled the position. Trinity's own R. Glenn Starnes and Mrs. Charlotte Cartwright, organist, had previously headed the music program. Mr. Harris continued Trinity's fine traditional music program. Especially outstanding were musical presentations at the Christmas Lovefeast and the 1972 Annual Conference.

In September, 1971, Trinity participated effectively in an outstanding national Methodist undertaking, the Francis Asbury Bi-Centennial, observed at Lake Junaluska, N. C. September 3-5. Rev. William K. Quick was the general chairman for this significant celebration which drew persons from twenty-eight states and overseas. Some 54 Trinity members were numbered among the more than 1,800 participants during the weekend. Among the more than 500 officially-designated delegates were Rev. and Mrs. Quick, Dr. B. G. Childs, Dr. Paul Mickey and Mrs. Peggy Ray.

The Church Program in 1971-72 has been appreciably active. In evangelism, some 66 new members were received during the year. Despite a considerable number of deaths and transfers, the congregation stood at 1,302 members at the close of the conference year. For the third consecutive year, Trinity has shown a net gain in membership thus reversing the trend since the early '50's of membership decline. The percentage of youth and young adults in the membership is encouragingly high. A meaningful part of our evangelistic emphasis was the "Mission to the City" with Dr. Robert Bruce Pierce, pastor of the Chicago Temple (First Methodist Church), April 10-12. In addition to services at Trinity, Dr. Pierce spoke to the Durham Rotary Club, described as "one of the most captivating speakers in Durham Rotary History."

The incorporation of the Center City Church Council came during the year. Trinity officially became a part of this worthwhile Council and participates widely in its program. The Council is "grassroots ecumenical work at its best". Trinity is not forgetting those on our doorstep.

World-wide missions commands our continuing interest as well. Someone has said, "Charity may begin at home, but it doesn't end there." Trinity made a substantial pledge during 1971-72 towards the support of Rev. and Mrs. David L. Swain, missionaries in Japan.

A worship highlight during the year has become the Christmas Lovefeast. Observed on December 19, 1971, this

was one of our most spiritually rewarding experiences of the year. Mrs. James Newsom, Jr. acted as chairman of the Lovefeast Committee with some seventy-five choral and musical participants and approximately seventy adults and youth in leadership of the Feast and Candle-lighting. More than 600 persons shared in this pre-Christmas celebration.

Among the major church studies of the year were the Matthew Study in October, led by Dr. Moody Smith; the Mission Study on Africa, led by Leslie H. Garner, Jr. of UNC-Chapel Hill and Dr. Creighton Lacy; and the week-day Bible Study on the Prophets led by Dr. Childs.

Among the Duke students assisting in the year's programs were Art Allen during the fall of 1971; Tom Joyce and Mike Aiken during the winter and spring, 1972. Two Trinity members—Gordon Ruggles and John Draeger—were recommended for License to Preach and Deacon's Orders in the United Methodist Church by our Charge Conference.

Their ordination came during the 1972 session of the North Carolina Annual Conference which Trinity co-hosted with Duke University. Daytime sessions were held at Page Auditorium and Duke Chapel and the evening Ordination Services were conducted at Trinity, led by Bishop William R. Cannon. By action of the Conference, E. S. Swindell, Jr. was elected a trustee of the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham and B. G. Childs was elected a trustee of the Conference Commission on Archives and History. Mrs. E. L. Hillman and Dr. L. L. Gobbel were elected as members of the Board of Higher Education. Our pastor was chosen as a member of the Conference Committee on Communications and secretary of the Board of Higher Education. He was also elected vice-president of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History and a member of the SeJ Committee on Communications.

At its 1972 Commencement, Pfeiffer College, our Methodist-related senior college at Misenheimer, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon our minister. Dr. Quick thus became the first graduate of the college, as well as the youngest minister, to be honored in this manner. It was announced on the day of the conferral that a \$15,000 Scholarship had been established at Pfeiffer, to be known as the William K. Quick Scholarship. Beginning in 1973 this will make available a \$1200 annual scholarship to a deserving and needy young man from the State of North Carolina.

Trinity lost during the year a number of members by death. Among them were our oldest living member, 96-year old Mrs. Ellen M. Brown; Eugene W. Carlton, church treasurer and Board member; Oscar M. Pleasants and Her-

bert O'Briant, longtime ushers; Miss Rebie Bryan, faithful, long-term kindergarten teacher. Other deaths included E. S. Swindell, Sr., T. Paul Jourdan and Leon Harper. It should be noted that Mr. Harper left a provision in his will that Trinity Church would receive a tenth (the Biblical tithe) of his estate, to be administered through the church for Methodist church extension and mission work.

In 1971-72 Trinity Church maintained a continued "high-level" of stewardship supporting local and church-wide needs. In local church expenditures, ministerial support, and world service and conference benevolences, the congregation raised a grand total of \$170,731. At the close of the year, statistics showed the value of church property to be \$1,300,000 and the parsonage and furnishings to be \$62,500. The record shows that the other assets (trusts, bonds, scholarship) to be approximately \$30,000.

The climax of the year came when on Sunday, June 4, the renovated Church facilities were consecrated in special services. Bishop William R. Cannon was scheduled to preach but having "lost his voice" earlier in the week, our former pastor Dr. W. M. Howard, Jr., was invited back by Dr. Quick to preach the Consecration sermon. At a cost of some \$270,000 (including memorial gifts), our renewed Trinity stands on the threshold of an even greater ministry to the city.

The new conference year, 1972-73, brought several changes to Trinity. The Pastor-Parish Committee employed Gregory L. Bell as organist-choirmaster, Ruth Turner Harper as the Director of Christian Education and Mrs. Paul Mickey as secretary to the Pastor.

On July 14 during the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, Dr. Robert M. Blackburn, pastor of the largest United Methodist Church in the Southeast (almost 5,000 members) was elected a Bishop. On July 15, Bishop Blackburn was assigned to the Raleigh Area replacing Bishop Cannon who was assigned to the Atlanta Area. Also of historical note is the fact that Carl J. Sanders of Arlington, Va. was the first of six bishops elected. Dr. Sanders and Bishop Paul N. Garber married our present minister on January 15, 1955. Two years later Dr. Sanders led the annual revival services at Trinity.

Bishop Blackburn made his first episcopal visit to Trinity on September 10, 1972, preaching at the 9:00 A.M. service of worship.



THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bickett Idol, in memory of her father, Mr. Robert T. Amos of High Point, is among major additions to Trinity.



THE MINISTERS during the 1961-72 period of Trinity's history, Dr. William K. Quick and Dr. William M. Howard, are pictured on June 4, 1972 prior to the consecration of the renovated Trinity facilities.









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